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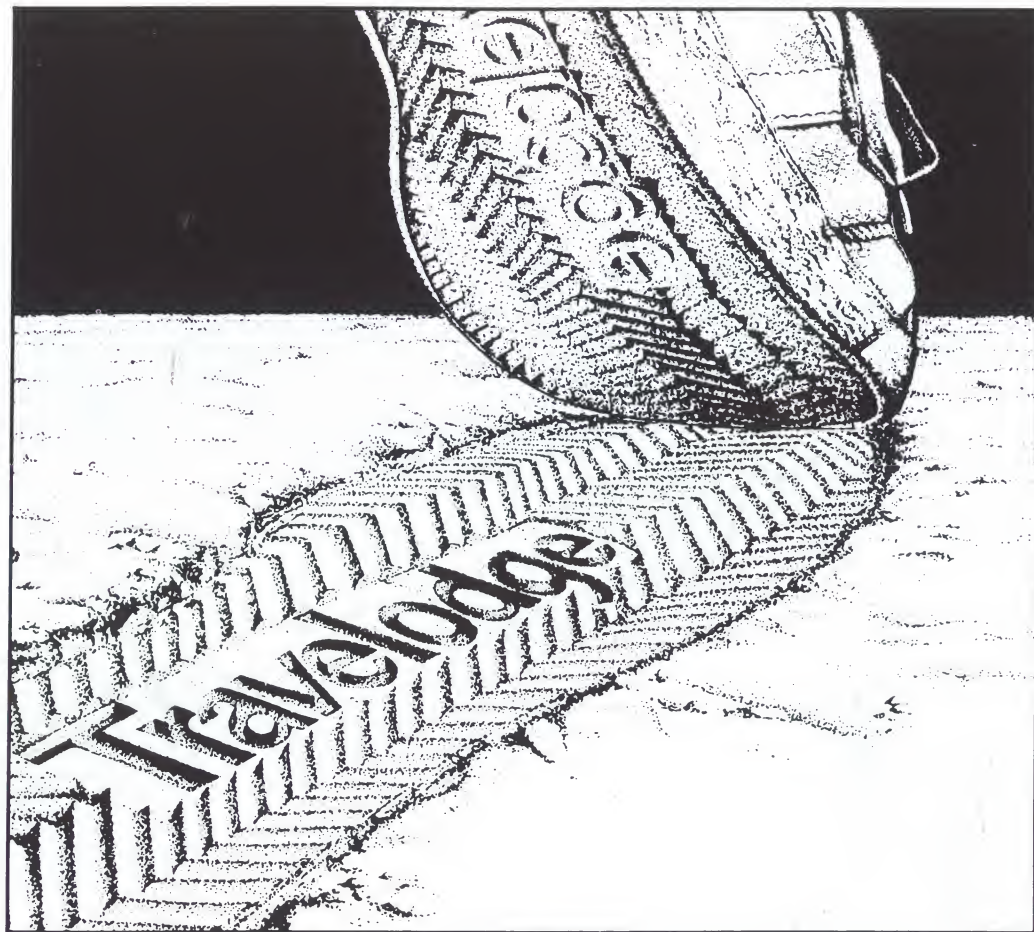


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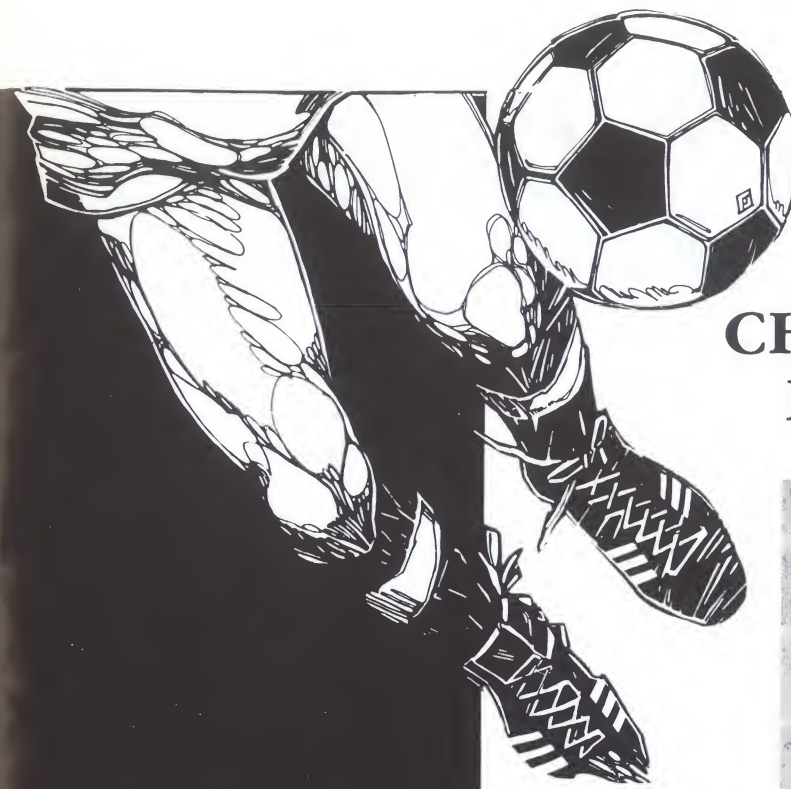
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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



It is my pleasure on behalf of the Australian Soccer Federation to welcome the officials and players of the Hajduk Split Football Club.

It is opportune to record that Hajduk Split last toured Australia in 1949 and in doing so were the first of the leading European Clubs to play on our shores.

This club with considerable tradition will excite and entertain the sporting public in Australia.

I also take the opportunity to welcome the Honorable Ros Kelly, Minister for Arts, Sport, Environment, Tourism and Territories as our guest, along with the many other dignitaries who have been kind enough to join us today.

Finally, may I place on record our sincere appreciation of the support given by the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation, sponsors of the Quit Socceroos. We are also proud to associate this two match series with The Drug Offensive, an organisation of the National Campaign Against Drug Abuse.

John Constantine, O.A.M.
CHAIRMAN

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HAJDUK-SPLIT SOCCER CLUB



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following years: 1927, 1929, 1950, 1952, 1955, 1971, 1974, 1975 and 1979.

They have also been the cup winners on seven occasions: in 1967, 1972, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1984 and in 1986.

Hajduk has during its career toured all five continents and has played matches in most of the countries in the world. This will also be their second tour of Australia.

They had previously toured Australia in 1949 where they played the Australian National team as well as State Representative teams. Their record on this tour was impeccable. From a total of 21 games played, they had won 19, drawn 1 and lost 1, with a total goal score of 121 goals.

Hajduk-Split is one of the most famous European Soccer Clubs, as well as being the oldest club in the Yugoslav First Division, having won the National Championship in the

During this tour they had played the Australian Representative team on seven occasions, with the following results:

In Sydney:	3-2
In Melbourne:	3-0
In Adelaide:	6-0
In Brisbane:	6-3
In Newcastle:	1-2
In Sydney:	3-2
In Sydney:	1-0

Hajduk is affectionately known as "Bijeli" (Whites). They have been the darlings of soccer fans throughout the country, because they originate from the small city of Split, which is on the Adriatic Coast. The other big teams in the First Division come from cities with populations of over 1.5 million. Regardless of this fact they have been able to produce players of such an international calibre as Bernard Vukas and Vladimir Beara, who represented the "Rest of the World" with many more international class players, like Dragan Holcer, Jurica Jerkovic,

Ivica Surjak, Ivan Buljan, Luke Peruzovic, Vedran Rozic and others.

The present Hajduk squad has two players in the National team, to be contesting the World Cup in Rome of this year. These players are Robert Jarni and Alen Boksic, who unfortunately are unable to tour Australia due to their obligations to the World Cup.

The present squad is regarded as the most talented out-fit in Europe. It is expected that they will dominate the local competition for many years. Those players who guarantee the prosperous future for Hajduk are Goran Vucevic, midfielder, who has already represented Yugoslavia, Damir Jurkovic, under 23 national representative, Josko Jelicic, also U/23 national representative, Marko Mihic, striker, representative of the 1988 Olympic team, and Igor Stimac, midfielder, the current U/23 national representative.

Hajduk Split had constantly placed itself and participated in the European Cups up until 1987, when the infamous incident occurred at the Poljud Stadium in the game against Marseille, France, when an irresponsible spectator released tear gas into the stadium, and the game had to be abandoned. The club was banned for three years from playing in the European Cups as a consequence. However, this year, having finished third in the First Division, they have served their suspension, and by finishing second in the Cup they have qualified for next year's Cup Winner's Cup.

The majority of the present squad are local players, including the technical committee: Technical director — Jure Jerkovic, who was capped 35 times for Yugoslavia and was Hajduk captain for many years, as well as the coach, Luka Peruzovic, who also represented Yugoslavia many times.

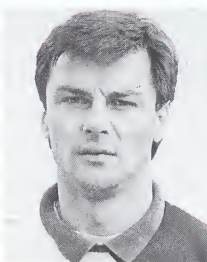
The Australian soccer public is very fortunate to be able to see such a fine team. The Australian National team will benefit greatly from this opportunity of playing against a team of the calibre of Hajduk-Split.



Top left: Asanovic, Pralija, Bilic, Jarni, Stimac, Pejovic, Barnjak, Jorkan, Setinov, Pudar, Drazic. Bottom left: Kovac, Vucevic, Vladislavic, Mihic, Jurkovic, Lalic, Hadziabdic, Jelic, Celic.



HAJDUK SPLIT PLAYERS



MLADEN PRALIJA

Goalkeeper. Age 31.
Played for FC Hamburg in West Germany. Mladen is one of the best goalkeepers in the Yugoslav First Division. He is a local product from Hajduk Juniors.



MILI HADŽIABDIĆ

Defender. Age 30.
One of Hajduk's most experienced players. He is in demand by many European clubs. He may soon leave.



DARKO DRAŽIĆ

Defender. Age 27.
From Hajduk Juniors. Darko is a utility player, who can be played in various positions.



SLAVEN BILIĆ

Defender. Age 22.
Plays in the middle of the defence. Very promising player. He is expected to be a national team player very soon.



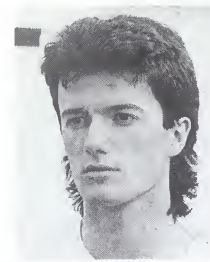
NIKOLA JERKAN

Sweeper. Age 21.
He was unlucky not to be selected into the World Cup squad, as he is regarded as one of the most talented players in the First Division.



IGOR ŠTIMAC

Midfielder. Age 26.
He was a member of the Yugoslav U/19 team, which won the Youth World Cup in Chile. He is at present an U/23 National Team representative.



JOŠKO JELIĆ

Striker. Age 19.
He is also an U/23 national team representative. He is one of the best goal-scorers in the First Division.



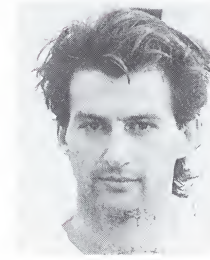
GORAN VUČEVIĆ

Midfielder.
He is a very talented midfield player, who is instrumental in most of Hajduk's attacks, and has often placed his name on the goal-scorers list. Goran has already been selected for the national team on a few occasions.



MARIN LALIC

Midfielder. Age 21.
He is a product of Hajduk Juniors. He is one of the players regarded as a future star.



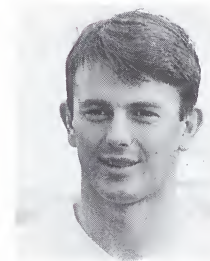
MIRKO MIHIC

Striker. Age 25.
Represented the National Team in the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul. Mirko is an exceptional striker, who usually partners Alen Boksic in the Hajduk forward line.



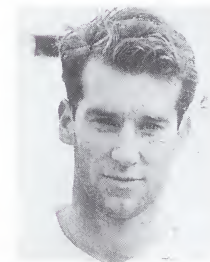
GRGICA KOVAČ

Defender. Age 24.
A defender who prefers to play on the left flank, and can be utilised in other positions. He is one of the most consistent Hajduk players.



DAMIR JURKOVIC

Defender. Age 20.
He represented the U/23 national team. Damir is also a local product. He is expected to make his International debut very soon.



ROBERT VLADISLAVIC

Defender. Age 22.
From Hajduk Juniors. One of the very talented young players in the First Division. Has been a member of the Hajduk First Division team for the last three years.



ROBERT JARNI

Defender. Age 22.
National Team player.



DRAGO ČELIĆ

Midfielder. Age 28.



IVAN PUDAR

Goalkeeper. Age 29.
National Team player. Represented Yugoslavia.



SVESDAN PEJOVIĆ

Defender. Age 27.



DRAGI SETINOV

Defender. Age 29.



BERNARD BARNJAK

Striker. Age 25.



ALJOŠA ASANDVIĆ

Age 25.
National Team player. Represented Yugoslavia.



AUSTRALIAN PLAYERS



EDDIE THOMSON
Caretaker Coach

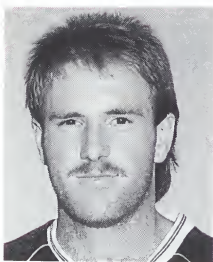


ROBERT ZABICA

Goalkeeper. Age 25 (born 9-4-64). Club: Adelaide City. Since he joined the South Australian NSL club from Stirling Macedonia in Western Australia he has impressed with his fine form. Good anticipation and safe hands are his strong points and a player destined for a long stay in the top echelon.

JOHN FILAN

Goalkeeper. Age 20 Club: St. George. The best young goalkeeper in Australia. Played for St. George all season after a serious injury to Socceroo Mike Gibson. First time in national squad.



ROBERT HOOKER

Defender. Age 23. Club: Sydney Olympic. The Sydney Olympic captain gets his second cap at national level after captaining the Australian Under-19 team in the World Youth Championships in Russia in 1985.



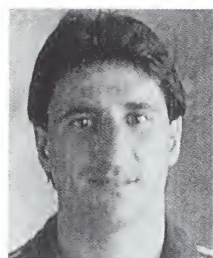
GARY VAN EGMOND

Defender. Age 24 (born 29 June 1965). Club: Marconi. Qualified for the first time to the Socceroo squad in the Bicentennial Gold Cup tournament rightly deserving the call-up following an inspirational season at club level. 9 appearances for Australia. Travelled to Holland in 1984 where he played with first division club RKC for eight months and was offered a trial with Ajax, turned it down in preference to returning home. Has enough potential to claim a regular national team position.



ROBBIE WHEATLEY

Defender. Age 27 (born 17-5-62). Club: Marconi. 6 appearances for Australia (5 full internationals). An elegant sweeper who certainly has earned his recall to the national team squad with his excellent form with Marconi over the past two seasons. Hallmark of his play is his consistency.



CHARLIE YANKOS

Sweeper. Age 28 (born 29 May 1961). Club: Blacktown City. Socceroo debut v England 1983. Has scored 9 goals in 81 appearances for Australia (46 full internationals). Took over as Australian Captain from John Kosmina in 1986. Combines resolute defending with superb ability to read the game. Started his club career with Heidelberg, moved to West Adelaide then to Apia before joining PAOK in Greece before returning home to Blacktown. Undoubtedly, Australia's master at taking penalties.



ALEX TOBIN

Defender. Age 23 (born 5 April 1966). Club: Adelaide City. Socceroo debut v Gothenburg 1988. One goal in 5 appearances for Australia (3 full internationals). Leftback who was added to the squad in 1988 and who scored in his first full international against Chinese Taipei in the Olympic qualifiers. Broke into senior soccer with Birkalla in South Australian State League then moved to the NSL with Adelaide City in 1984. Won an NSL championship with Adelaide City in 1986.

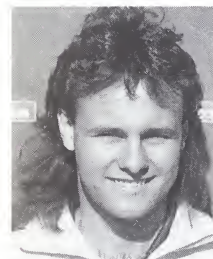
ANDREW BERNAL

Defender. Age 24. Club: Sydney Olympic. Previous captain of the Australian Youth Team, had spells overseas in Spain and England. Played for Sydney Olympic in their Grand Final victory against Marconi.



GEORGE JOLEVSKI

Defender. Age 20 (born 26-3-69). Club: Preston. Another newcomer to the international arena and a player who has caught the eye this season with some outstanding performances. Previous club: Fawkner (Victoria).



J. PAUL DE MARIGNY

Defender. Age 26. Club: Marconi. One of the best attacking fullbacks in the country. Previously played for Sydney City and Apia-Leichhardt.

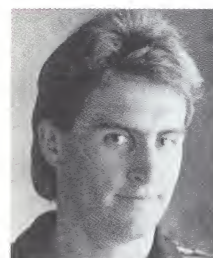
ERNIE TAPAI

Midfielder.
Club: Sunshine George Cross.



MIKE PETERSEN

Midfielder. Age 24 (born 6 May 1965). Club: South Melbourne. Socceroo debut v Udinese 1985. Two goals in 26 appearances for Australia (10 full internationals). Skilful central midfielder who earned a recall into the Socceroo squad after spending a year with Ajax in Holland. Scored in his first game for Australia after coming on as a substitute against Udinese in Adelaide. Won a championship NSL medal with Juventus in 1985 in his first season of National League.



PAUL WADE

Midfielder. Age 27 (born 20-3-62). Club: South Melbourne. Socceroo debut v China XI 1985. Two goals in 41 appearances for Australia (31 full internationals). Non-stop runner who has proved an excellent foil for Oscar Crino and Mike Petersen in midfield. Came to Australia as a teenager from England, playing junior soccer with Dandenong, then State League with Prahran Slavia and Croydon before moving up to National League with Green Gully. Won a NSL Championship with Brunswick before joining South Melbourne in 1987.



TOMMY McCULLOCH

Midfielder. Age 25 (born 10-2-64). Club: Marconi. After previous service with Apia and Sydney City. 21 appearances for Australia (4 full Internationals). An elegant playmaker who has dominated the NSL scene this season. Is back to the brilliant best form that earned him the tag of "Supermac" during his great run with the Young Socceroos during their 1983 World Youth Cup campaign.



PAUL TRIMBOLI

Midfielder. Age 20 (born 25 February 1969). Club: South Melbourne. Played with Brighton since under 7's (between 1976 and 1985) then spent a year at the Institute of Sport before joining George Cross. At Brighton he played for the seniors in Division 4 of the Victorian League. He is a student, in his second year of an accounting diploma course. Two full international appearances.

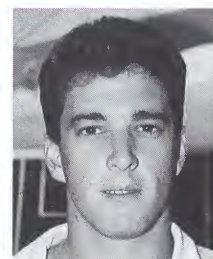


GRAHAM ARNOLD

Forward. Age 26 (born 3 August 1963). Club: Sydney Croatia. Socceroo debut v Red Star in 1985. 22 goals in 53 appearances for Australia (35 full internationals). Highly rated striker who was sought by Dutch club Roda. Has scored over 50 goals in five seasons of NSL soccer with the one club. Was an understudy in the 1986 World Cup campaign but since his promotion has kept up an average of one goal in every two games for the national team.

TONY KRSLOVIC

Striker. Age 21. Club: St. George. Joined St. George last season on loan from Sydney Croatia. Played well and was transferred to them this season. Scored 14 goals this season.



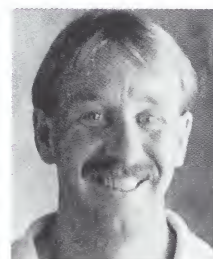
KIM TALIADOROS

Striker. Age 23. Club: South Melbourne. A fearless, talented striker who was South Melbourne's leading goal scorer this season.



MEHMET DURAKOVIC

Defender. Age 25. Club: South Melbourne. Joined South Melbourne from Melbourne JUST. Has been in great form and can play anywhere in defence.



JEFF OLIVER

Goalkeeper. Age 28 (born 25-12-60). Club: Melbourne Croatia. Socceroo debut v Glasgow Rangers 1984. 54 appearances for Australia (35 full internationals). Was the subject of the highest transfer (\$26,000) for a goalkeeper between Australian clubs when he joined Melbourne Croatia after nine years at Heidelberg.



OSCAR CRINO

Midfielder. Age 27 (born 9-8-62). Club: Preston. Socceroo debut v Indonesia 1981. 10 goals in 66 appearances for Australia (37 full Internationals). Considered the most skilful player in Australian soccer. Played for Australia in the 1981 World Youth Championship. Played a big part in 1986 World Cup campaign and is invaluable in the Socceroo line-up often taking the role of playmaker.



JOHN MARKOVSKI

Striker. Age 20. Club: Melbourne Croatia. The most powerful shot in Australia. Joined Melbourne Croatia from Preston this season. Has represented Australia at all levels.



EDDIE THOMSON

"Man with A Mission"



The appointment of Australia's National Coach is yet to be announced.

Eddie Thomson in his capacity as caretaker coach will look to positive results against leading European Club Hajduk Split to further impress on the ASF his undoubted ability to coach the National Team.

After serving his five year apprenticeship under former National Coach Frank Arok, Thomson welcomes the opportunity to take charge of the Socceroos.

He is quick to emphasise

the need for players to also grasp the opportunity to press their claims for a regular place in the Australian National Team as we begin the long process of qualification for the World Cup U.S.A. 1994.

Thomson realises that in Hajduk Split, the Socceroos face one of the leading European clubs with a proud history.

His future could well depend on his ability to achieve results the Australian soccer public now expect from the National Team.

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WHAT'S AT STAKE FOR AUSTRALIAN SOCCER IN THE 1996 OLYMPICS?



Australian soccer has a lot to gain from the 1996 Olympics. Because if the Games do come to Australia, soccer will take centre-field as a national spectator sport.

As host nation, our soccer team would be guaranteed a place in the competition. While the competition itself would be played at venues in Melbourne, Adelaide, Sydney and Brisbane.

Melbourne's Olympic Park would be upgraded to seat 30,000 spectators. Adelaide's Hindmarsh Stadium would be

upgraded to seat 25,000. With qualifying matches to be played at Brisbane's QE2 Stadium and the Sydney Football Stadium.

And as the one Olympic event to be played outside Melbourne, the soccer competition is sure to be met with huge enthusiasm wherever it goes.

So you see, Australian soccer really should get behind the 1996 Olympics. Or face the penalties.



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Top row: Asanovic, Pralija, Bilic, Jarni, Stimac, Pejovic, Barnjak, Jerkan, Setinov, Pudar, Drazic

Bottom row: Kovac, Vucevic, Vladislavic, Mihic, Jurkovic, Lalic, Hadziabdic, Jelic, Celic

MATCH OFFICIALS

SUNDAY, 3rd JUNE, 1990

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Inspector: DOUG RENNIE

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Referee: CHRIS BAMBRIDGE
Senior Linesman: DENNIS VOUTSINAS
Junior Linesman: ALEX BARNETT
4th Official: HANS ANKER
Inspector: JOHN FINLAY

SUNDAY, 13th JUNE, 1990

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4th Official: JOHN PAPPANICOLAS

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The Socceroos will come out of hibernation to play two matches against the classy Hajduk Split on June 3 and 6.

The first match is on Sunday at Parramatta Stadium, then three days later the teams clash at Melbourne's Olympic Park.

Hajduk, one of the top First Division clubs in Yugoslavia, finished third in the recently concluded league and were runners-up in the Cup where they lost 1-0 to champions Red Star Belgrade.

With the exception of two players — Jarna and Boskic — selected in Yugoslavia's World Cup squad, the Croatian side will be at full strength.

The socceroos are coached by caretaker Eddie Thomson, who will be in charge until the ASF appoints a full-time coach.

HAJDUK SPLIT A USEFUL TEST FOR AUSSIE

Andrew Bernal, one of the heroes of Sydney Olympic's grand final triumph, will give loyal Socceroo skipper Charlie Yankos a run for his money, and the two Robbies — Wheatley and Hooker — also have a chance to stake their claims.

Jean-Paul de Marigny returns to a national squad where Thomson has made room for young, fresh talent like George Jolevski and Tony Krslovic.

Hajduk, who last toured Australia in 1949, are one of the top four clubs in Yugoslavia, along with Dinamo Zagreb, Red Star and Partizan.

They have won the league eight times and have also taken out the Cup on eight occasions.

Australian fans will discover why Yugoslav players have been dubbed the 'Brazilians' of Europe.

Their technique is immaculate, a joy to behold.

There's nothing they can't do with the ball, though their temperament remains suspect.

Winning against the Croats is not the purpose of the two matches.

For the Socceroos it's mainly a chance to get a much-needed taste of international competition before the next four-year World Cup cycle gets under way.

Thomson, wisely, has largely stuck to the players selected by Frank Arok for the tied series against Torpedo Moscow four and a half months ago.

It remains to be seen just how many of the current players will retain their places in the squad when the new coach is appointed.

Should Thomson be that man, most of them are expected to hold their places, but competition will be fierce.

It is precisely that battle for Socceroo berths which makes the games against Hajduk important, and not just another series of exhibition matches.

The selection of young John Filan, the revelation of the season, was more than justified and he will be challenging Robert Zabica, outstanding against the Soviets, for the goalkeeping spot.





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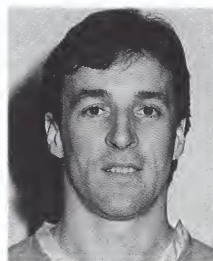
the Dinamo-Zagreb squad before the final series, and Branko Milosevic, arguably the best midfielder in Australia, who due to injury was unable to help his teammates against Marconi and Olympic. Melbourne Croatia features many more stars of the Australian soccer scene, like veteran George Hannah, who is now in charge of the team as caretaker coach, while Ivan Raznjevic is in Canada; Alan Davidson, also a veteran of the Australian national team; Josip Biskic, the longest serving player. The team also features young Socceroos such as John Markovski and Andrew Marth, and striker Francis Awaritefe.

Melbourne Croatia was founded in 1958, and throughout the years have gone from strength to strength, winning many Victorian championships, Dockerty Cups and Ampol Cups, but have yet to put their name on the National Championship.

unfortunately the coach Ivan Raznjevic lost two of his best players in the final matches: Zeljko Adzic, who was just voted Player of the Year for the 1990 season, surprisingly left the club and returned to Zagreb to join

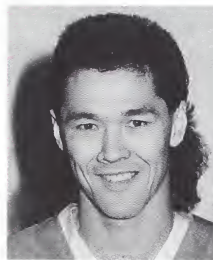
Melbourne Croatia was the best placed Victorian team in this year's National Soccer League of Australia.

This talented outfit was the favourite to win the title for the first time, but



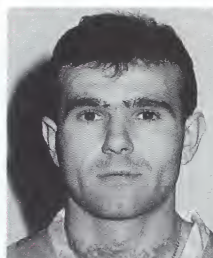
GEORGE HANNAH

32 years. Sweeper/Rightback (Caretaker Coach). Transferred from South Melbourne Hellas 1983. Was Best/Fairest for 2 years. Captain for 3 years. Replaced as captain this season by Josip Biskic.



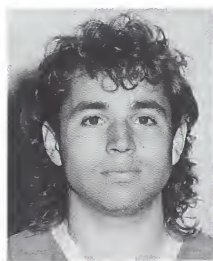
ALAN DAVIDSON

29 years. Leftback/Midfielder. Transferred from South Melbourne Hellas in 1987. Played many years for the Australian national team. Played for Nottingham Forest in England. Appointed as Vice-Captain 1989 season.



JOSIP BISKIC

31 years. Winger/Midfielder (Captain). Transferred from N.K. Savonski Brod "Croatia" in 1981. Won Best/Fairest 2 years. Plays for Victorian State team. Appointed Captain for 1989 and 1990 seasons.



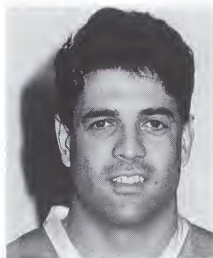
BRANKO MILOSEVIC

25 years. Midfielder. Transferred from Olimpija-Osijek Croatia in 1987. Played also in West German Soccer League.



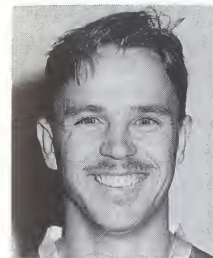
MARK TALAJIC

20 years. Any position. Developed from Croatia's juniors. Played for Australian Youth Team before being sidelined by injuries. Recovered from injuries 4 years ago. Very talented.



THEO SELEMIDIS

30 years. Sweeper/Midfielder. Transferred from Heidelberg United in 1988. Has played over 150 NSL games. Former Australian national team member.



PAUL DONNELLY

29 years. Midfielder/Rightback. Transferred from Perth Azzurri 1988. Formerly from Scotland.



JOE CALETA

24 years. Striker/Winger. Transferred from St. George in 1988. Very fast and skilful. Developed from Sydney Croatia juniors.



FRANCIS AWARITEFE

26 years. Striker/Winger. Transferred from Sutton United (England) in 1989.



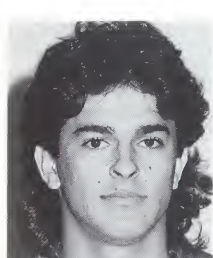
STEVE HORVAT

19 years. Stopper/Back. Transferred from Australian Institute of Sport. Plays for Australian Youth Team. Currently injured.



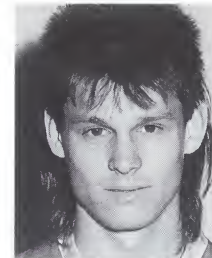
IVAN DUZEL

26 years. Midfielder. Transferred from St Albans Soccer Club. Very skilful.



PAUL JURCIC

20 years. Leftback. Produced from Croatia juniors. Potential to develop in 1st team.

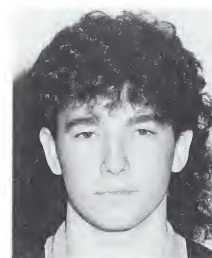


IVAN KELIC

21 years. Striker. Transferred from St Albans in 1989.

HUSSEIN SKEMPEROVIC

18 years. Striker. Produced from Melbourne Croatia juniors. Played for U16 Australian Indoor Team.



JOE RADOS

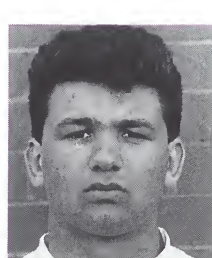
18 years. Goalkeeper. (Youth/1st team). Bought in 1989 from St Albans. NSL Youth Player of the Year in 1989.

DAVID MILLER

Goalkeeper. Bought from Adelaide Hellas 1990 season.

ANDREW MARTH

Rightback. Bought from George Cross. Selected in Australian Squad.

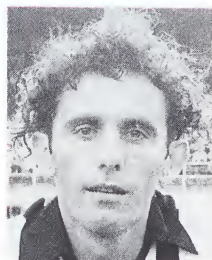


JOHN MARKOVSKI

Midfielder/Striker. Bought from Preston Macedonia. Selected in Australian Squad.



SOUTH AUSTRALIA



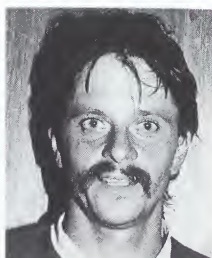
SERGIO MELTA

Midfielder. Age 31.
Club: Adelaide City. Second appearance and twice Captain of State side.



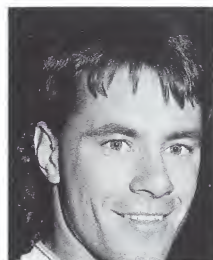
CARL VEART

Striker. Age 20.
Club: Adelaide City. Transferred from Salisbury to Adelaide City in 1989.



EDDIE LONKA

Striker. Age 33.
Club: Polonia Adelaide. Signed for Polonia in 1988, from Poland.



JOE MULLEN

Striker. Age 26.
Club: Adelaide City. Former Socceroo Member, third State appearance.



JOHN CHRISTOPOULOS

Striker. Age 19.
Club: Polonia Adelaide. First State appearance.



STEVE MAXWELL

Striker. Age 25.
Club: Adelaide City. Former player of Marconi. Third State appearance.



ROBERT ZABICA

Goalkeeper. Age 26.
Club: Adelaide City. Member of Socceroo Squad, formerly from Perth.

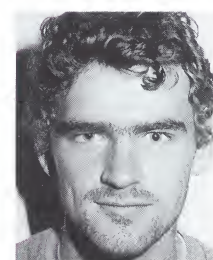
CHRIS TSOLOREDIS

Goalkeeper. Age 22.
Club: Adelaide Hellas. First State appearance, first year in National League.



BRENTON HIERN

Defender. Age 25.
Club: Adelaide Hellas. Third State appearance.



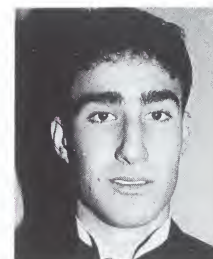
ALEX TOBIN

Defender. Age 24.
Club: Adelaide City. Member of Socceroo Squad, first State appearance.



ROBERT SLAGER

Defender. Age 24.
Club: Adelaide Croatia. First State appearance, played National League for Hellas in 1990.



TONY VIDMAR

Defender. Age 19.
Club: Adelaide City. First State appearance, younger brother of Aurielo Vidmar.

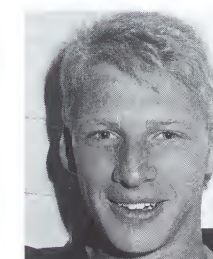
MILAN IVANOVIC

Defender. Age 29.
Club: Adelaide City. First State appearance, international from Yugoslavia.



ADRIAN SANTRAC

Midfielder. Age 31.
Third state appearance.



PAUL WILDE

Midfielder. Age 26.
Club: Salisbury United. Former player of Adelaide City, first State cap.



ALBY KIDD

Midfielder. Age 32.
Club: Adelaide Hellas. Scottish International, Captain of Hellas for three years, second State cap.



MLADEN PUTANEC

Midfielder. Age 25.
Club: Adelaide Croatia. From Yugoslavia, played with Croatia for last two seasons.

ZORAN MATIC

Coach.
Adelaide City Coach. Second stint as State Coach.



SYDNEY CROATIA

Sydney Croatia is undoubtedly the best supported club in Australia. It has always been one of the best NSW clubs, and one of the best clubs in the National Soccer League of Australia since its promotion to the NSL in 1984.

The Sydney Croatia team has featured the cream of Australian players over the past few years, like Vedran Rozic, Jim Patikas, Wally Savor, Grahame Jennings, Graham Arnold, Robbie Slater and others.

This year Croatia had a disastrous start to the season due to their loss of key players such as Shane Clinch,

Grahame Jennings, Robbie Slater and Vedran Rozic. Mid season they lured the most experienced coach from Victoria, Tony Vrzina into their ranks. They then played nine matches without defeat, and finished the season in a respectable seventh place. In the second half of the season, they were one of the top four teams based on their performance during that period.

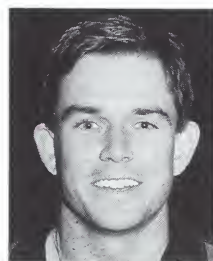
Even though seventh position for a team like Sydney Croatia is regarded as a disappointing season, the committee and supporters are very happy with these results, especially considering the fact that there were a few young players coming out of the junior

ranks who will in future form the backbone of the team. The most prominent young player is the League's youngest top goal-scorer — nineteen year old David Seal. The other players presently members of the Australian U19 Squad are goalkeeper Zeljko Kalac, sweeper Marko Babic, stopper Tony Popovic, and midfielder Andrew French.

Three ex-Sydney Croatia players are presently playing abroad — Jim Patikas presently in Greece, Robbie Slater in Belgium and young Mark Bosnic in England.

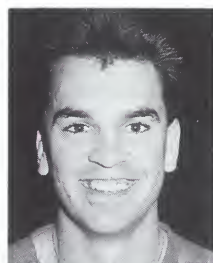
The team captain is Socceroo Graham Arnold who is expected to captain the Australian team as well.

The coach, Tony Vrzina, is expected to field guest players for the match against Hajduk and they are Branko Milosevic (Melbourne Croatia), Greg Brown (Melita Eagles) and Gerry Gomez (Marconi-Fairfield). The reason behind this is that Croatia are interested in achieving the best results against Hajduk due to their upcoming tour of Croatia — which includes a game against Hajduk-Split in Split.



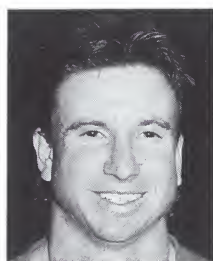
ANTHONY FRANKEN

25 years. Goalkeeper. Previous club: Canberra City. He is one of the best goalkeepers in Australia, but missed most of the first half of the last season due to a knee injury. Anthony is expected to be fully fit for next season, and will be challenging for the Socceroo spot.



ALAN HUNTER

26 years. Defender. Previous club: Heidelberg United. One of the strongest defenders in the League, who scored six goals during the season.



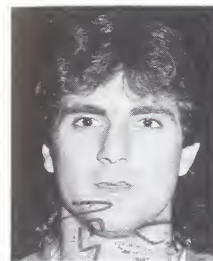
MARK JONES

24 years. Utility player. Prefers to play in the midfield. He is one of the best and most consistent Croatia player.



MARK BABIC

17 years. Defender. Most talented young player appearing in the first team. He is currently a member of the Australian U19 Squad.



MIKE GRBEVSKI

23 years. Defender. Previous club: St George BSC. One of the fastest attacking defenders in the League.



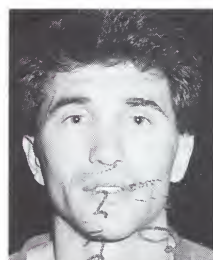
VELIMIR KUPRESAK

27 years. Central defender. Has been used mainly as a defending midfielder this year. A very strong player. Previous club: St Albans Dinamo, Victoria.



PEDRO RICOY

24 years. Midfielder. Previous club: Apia-Leichhardt. Pedro plays on the right flank, and he is one of the more talented players in the NSL.



IVAN PETKOVIC

30 years. Midfielder. Came from Zadar, Croatia. He is a very skilful midfielder who has unfortunately missed most of the season through injury.



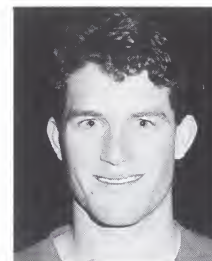
MANIS LAMOND

24 years. Striker. Bought from Canberra City. Manis is one of the most skilful and one of the fastest players in the NSL. On his day he entertains the crowd with a magnificent display of soccer.



TONY POPOVIC

18 years. Defender. Tony is also a member of the Australian U19 Squad. He has a big future with the club.



ANDREW FRENCH

19 years. Midfielder. Andrew only played a few games in the first team due to injury. He is a very talented player, also a member of the Australian U19 Squad.



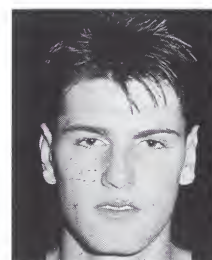
GRAHAM ARNOLD

27 years. Striker. Captain of the team. He is presently a member of the Australian national team. Graham is one of the most experienced players and undoubtedly the best player in the NSL.



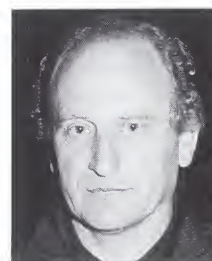
DAVID SEAL

19 years. Striker. Became the youngest top goal-scorer in the NSL. He is one of the hottest properties in Australian soccer.



ZELJKO KALAC

19 years. Goalkeeper. Put in the frying pan at the start of the season, when Franken was injured. Zeljko is a very talented goalkeeper and is a member of the U19 Australian Squad.

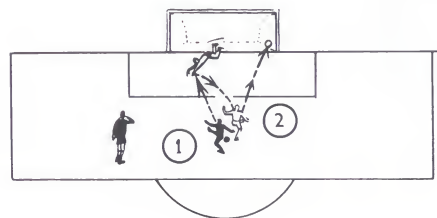


TONY VRZINA

Manager/Coach. Came from Victoria mid-season. He has nineteen years of coaching experience behind him in Victoria. Teams coached: Melbourne Croatia on many occasions, Western Suburbs, St Albans Dinamo, Northcote City, Bulleen and Preston Makedonia. Tony was also appointed general manager for the club and hopes to attain a high level of proficiency in the club.

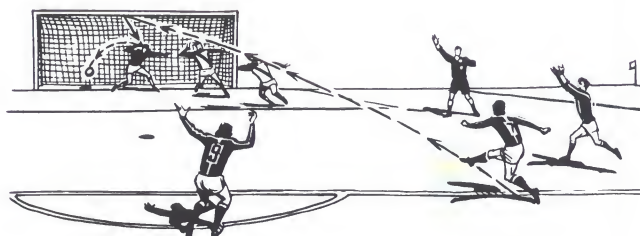
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The Referee has extended time to allow a penalty-kick to be taken. If the ball rebounds from the goalkeeper to the kicker, who scores, will the goal be allowed?



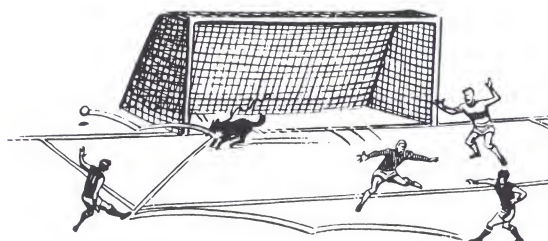
No. The game ends the moment the goalkeeper prevents the ball from entering the goal.

From an indirect free-kick the ball strikes the crossbar, hits the goalkeeper and bounces over the goal-line. Would this be a goal?



Yes, because the ball was last played by a player other than the kicker before it entered the goal.

If the ball is about to enter the goal but is deflected by a dog (or spectator) can the Referee award a goal?



No. The Referee must restart the game by dropping the ball at the place where the interference occurred.

Would a goal be scored if a goalkeeper, standing in his own penalty-area, throws the ball with the aid of a strong wind, into his opponents' goal without any other player touching the ball?



Yes. This is the only way in which an attacking player can score by the use of the hands.

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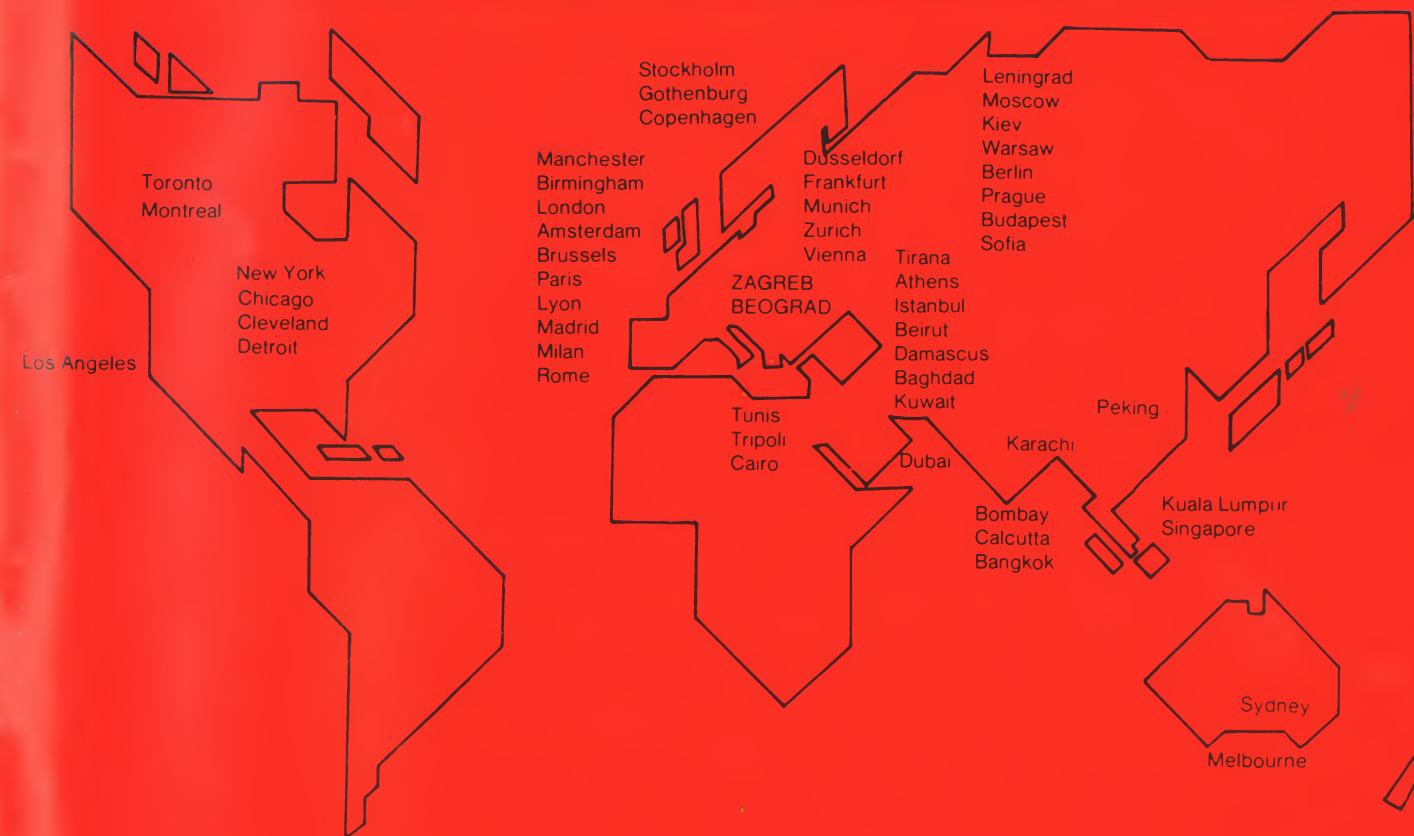
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